Raise in FDI Cap in Domestic Aviation Sector

172. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the FDI cap from 40 percent to 49 percent by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) in domestic aviation sector;

(b) if so, what is the effective date of the cabinet decision to the above proposal;

(c) whether there is any ambiguity as far as the status of NRIs and PIOs are concerned especially after issue of Citizenship Ordinance, 2005 on June 28, 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Government has raised FDI in Air Transport Services (Domestic Airlines) from 40% to 49% under automatic approval route. NRIs are permitted upto 100% investment in this sector under automatic route.

(b) The Notification for increase in FDI from 40% to 49% was issued on 10.11.2004.

(c) and (d) Generally PIOs are given the same status in investments as given to NRIs. However, in the Civil Aviation Sector, the issue of PIO Cardholders being accorded a dispensation similar to NRIs in case of FDI is under examination.

Non-Payment of Loans by Companies

†173. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those companies which have not repaid loans borrowed from Public Sector Banks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.